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TO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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SUBJ: PROTECTIVE SECURITY FOR AMBASSADOR

REF : KUWAIT 1885; KUWAIT 1914

1. IN GOING OVER THE INFORMATION DESCRIBING PROTECTIVE SECURITY FOR THE AMBASSADOR, BUREAU HAS NOTED ARRANGEMENTS REPORTED IN KUWAIT 1885 AND KUWAIT 1914 FOR GOK TO PROVIDE FOLLOW CAR WITH PLAINCLOTHES SECURITY PERSONNEL TO COVER AMBASSADOR'S MOVEMENTS. WE WERE CONCERNED TO NOTE THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT IS EFFECTIVE LESS THAN 50 PER CENT OF TIME AND THAT IT IS THUS NECESSARY FOR EMBASSY OFFICERS TO PROVIDE AMBASSADOR'S PROTECTIVE SECURITY WITH RESULTING DISRUPTION TO OFFICE TIME AND WORK OF OFFICERS.

2. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES IT NON- PRODUCTIVE PRESS GOK FURTHER FOR IMPROVEMENT IN ITS SECURITY PROTECTION ARRANGEMENT, BUREAU SUGGESTS IT MIGHT CONSIDER OTHER METHODS USED AT CERTAIN NEA POSTS FOR ASSURING PROTECTIVE COVERAGE. TWO SUCH METHODS ARE OUTLINED BELOW:
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(A) FIRST AND MOST DESIRABLE MEANS TO OBTAIN PROTECTION FOR THE AMBASSADOR IS TO REQUEST THAT THE HOST GOVERNMENT PROVIDE FROM ITS POLICE FORCE OR MILITARY FORCES, A DESIGNATED BODYGUARD OR BODYGUARDS FOR THE AMBASSADOR. AT SOME POSTS WHERE BODYGUARDS ARE DESIGNATED SPECIFICALLY, IT SOMETIMES NECESSARY FOR THE POST TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL GRATUITIES FOR THE EXTRA WORK BODYGUARDS MIGHT PROVIDE.

(B) ANOTHER AND LESS DESIRABLE MEANS OF OBTAINING PROTECTION FOR THE AMBASSADOR IS TO HAVE THE HOST GOVERNMENT RECOMMEND A WELL QUALIFIED FORMER POLICEMAN OR MILITARY OFFICER WHO IS THEN EMPLOYED BY THE EMBASSY UNDER CONTRACT AS A BODYGUARD.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS AS TO WHETHER IT BELIEVES EITHER TYPE ARRANGEMENT DESCRIBED ABOVE FEASIBLE IN KUWAIT. IF SO, BUREAU PREPARED SUPPORT EMBASSY TO EXTENT NECESSARY.

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